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DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The White House is located approximately one and a half miles south of U. S. Route 50/301 on the west side of Md. Route 8 on Kent Island in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The oldest portion, built circula 850, is the Northernmost section of the frame house. One and one-half stories in height, it is three bays in width, with a steeply pitched gable roof that runs East-West. The main entrance is in the third bay of the front (East) facade and a rear entrance is located in the first bay of the rear (West) facade. In the oldest portion are original construction materials, woodwork, floorboards, windows, doors, staircases and floor plans. A wood-shingled one-story frame section was added to the south gable end of the oldest portion of the house, circa 1930-1945 in order to house a kitchen and bathroom. Although vacant since 1966, the nineteenth and twentieth century sections of the house shall be meticulously restored by the present owners, who have recently acquired the property. a despression of

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The oldest section of the frame house, a one and one-half story three bay section, dates from circa 1850 and was a part of the acreage owned by Roderick Earickson, a large landowner and prominent Queen Anne Countian. Beneath the presently existing white asbestos and diamond-shaped dark-colored asphalt shingles are the original plain unbeaded horizontal wood clapboards on the exterior walls. A standing seam metal roof covers the house, through which two chimneys protrude on the South wall. The East and West facades of the circa 1850 section of the house present similar elevations. On the front (East) facade are two large-sized six-over-six windows in the first and second bays and the main entrance in the third bay. A late Federally styled doorway with a six-panel door, three-light transom and plain wood door surround, which has been surmounted by an early twentieth century door surround, exist at the main entrance. Above the first floor are two six-over-six large-sized dormer windows, one between the first and second bay and one between the second and third bay. The upper sashes of the dormer windows are segmentally arched. the rear (West) facade, due to the location of the staircase in the Northwest corner of the house, there was not sufficient space for a transom above the doorway in the first bay. The dormer windows on the rear (West) facade do not have segmentally arched upper sashes. Asymmetrically placed on the north gable end wall are three six-oversix windows, one on the first floor and two on the second. In the south gable end wall are two doorways on the first floor, which

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lead into the one-story twentieth century section, two six-over-six windows on the second floor and a four-paned window at the attic level.

Entering the house through the main entrance in the front (East) facade, one arrives in the entrance hall. Typical for houses of the Federal style and particularly rowhouses, the floor plan of the White house is composed of a side hall along the north wall, into which two rooms, an East room and a West room open. The particularly wide and deep entrance hall of the White house is lit by the window in the North wall and the main entrance on the East wall is balanced by a rear entrance on the West wall. The door in each entrance is divided into a double cross design. A two-run, open-stringer stair with left-hand rail is located on the North wall of the hall. While the ends of the stair risers are not decoratively carved, the wall beneath the stair is panelled and a wood panelled door in this wall allows access to a closet beneath the stair. The newels of the stair are elongated and turned, while the balusters are squared and simply tapered. The doors that lead into the East and West rooms from the entrance hall, as well as the door in the stair panelling, are decorated with two vertical wood panels, similar in design to the doors shown in Minard Lafever's The Beauties of Modern Architecture, 1835. More typical for houses of the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the door enframements consist of simple horizontal and vertical wood mouldings with square end blocks in the corners. In the East room on the first floor is a fireplace in the center of the South wall. The squared mantlepiece contains fluted mantle supports and various mouldings support the mantle shelf and surround the plaster opening. In the center of the west wall is a two-panelled wood door, similar to those in the hall, that leads into the West room. In the center of the South wall in the West room is another fireplace and to the left of it a closet with shelves. Doors and enframements in this room are similar to those in the hall. A doorway on the south wall opposite the closet leads into the twentieth century addition but appears to be original. Another doorway on the south wall in the East room leading into the addition does not appear to be original, but contemporary with the addition. All window enframements on the first, as well as second, floor ressemble the door enframements with corner blocks. Baseboards are composed of a single piece of wood surmounted with a fillet.

scending the staircase, the stairhall opens into three rooms. A northeast room is located at the opposite end of the staircase.

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In the northeast room, the smallest room on the second floor, are two windows. One is a dormer window, which is set into the sloping ceiling of the East wall and has a deep window sill, while the other window is located on the North wall. Opposite the window in the second floor stair hall on the North hall is a doorway leading into the East room, the largest room on the second floor. In the South wall of this room is a closet, a fireplace and a window. Another the South wall of the West room contains a window and a chimney stack. Surrounding the stack is a closet, which was framed in the twentieth century. The original configuration or usage of this space is difficult to ascertain.

The wood-shingled frame one-story addition to the south gable end of the three-bay section of the house is entered by the doorways in e south wall of the East room or West room of the first floor. Woodwork and windows remain. On the East wall of this addition is dirt-floored basement beneath it is an exterior opening to the the addition is a pair of windows, a smaller pair of windows, and scoting below a singular window. A bathroom is also located at the exterior walls of the addition. Weathered brown wood shingles cover the seam metal.

There are some construction details in the White house that are unusual. The house rests on a continuous common bond foundation under the East facade and the North facade. Brick piers support the West facade and South facade. A hewn sill supports hewn and pit sawn joists notched over the sill and running from front to back. In the common rafter roof, the rafters are open mortise and tenoned at the ridge. The collars double as second floor ceiling runs on top of the collars directly below the ridge, and two vertical posts are notched to a V, and run from the plate up to support two of-the rafter pairs. The attic space is thus, divided into three approximately equal "bays." The rafter pairs are unusually random in their placement, being not only on uneven centers, often noticeably out of parallel. The rafters rest on a heavy

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top plate approximately six inches high by four and a half inches wide, which is laid on the tops of the studs forming the knee wall on the second floor. These studs are mortised into the bottom of the plate. It is unclear whether the studs are continuous from the first floor or are themselves mortised into a second plate at floor level.

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SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The White House, which has continuously been used as a residence since its construction c. 1850, is significant both historically and architecturally. Historically, the house was owned and/or occupied by three prominent citizens of Queen Anne's County between the time of its construction and 1874. First, Roderick Earickson, who owned roperty for at least four years prior to his death, was a member of Maryland's House of Delegates in 1843 and prominent locally in the Whig Party. Secondly, Earickson's son, Dr. Roderick W. Earickson, who acted as administrator of the property, was a member of Maryland's House of Delegates in 1871 and involved in the local Democratic Party as well as civic organizations. Finally, Louis C. Pascault, son of Revolutionary War Colonel Louis C. Pascault, occupied the house for five years prior to his death and his family owned and/or occupied it for seven years following his death. Architecturally, the White House typifies the double parlor and side hall plan house common to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Unusual for a house of the mid-nineteenth century and of its plan are hand hewn and pit sawn supporting wood members, atypical roof construction elements, a very deep floor plan and large-scaled windows.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The main section of the White house is believed to date from the mid-nineteenth century, when it was a part of Lot #1, a 210 acre parcel owned by Roderick Earickson. The owner of 377 acres at his death in 1854, Roderick Earickson was a prominent citizen of Queen Anne's County. He was one of nine commissioners of primary schools ap inted by the Levy Court of Queen Anne's County in 1827, a Delegate

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representing Maryland's 2nd Congressional District at the Whig County Convention in Centreville in 1839, ⁴ a Delegate from Queen Anne's County at the Whig State Convention in Baltimore in 1842, ⁵ and was elected to Maryland's House of Delegates in 1843 with Samuel T. Harrison and William Temple. ⁶ In addition to political involvement, Earickson was apparently a man of some wealth, as his heirs inherited a great deal of money at his death. ⁷ Earickson, thus owned the White property for at least four years, although his occupancy cannot be verified.

Earickson's son and the administrator of his estate, Dr. Roderick W. Earickson (physician), sold the White property, then called "part of Smithfield and Conners Neck." 8 in 1855.9 Dr. Earickson figured in State politics from 1860, after having married Frederica M. E. Goodhand in 1844. 10 several commissioners who organized the Bank of Centreville, now known as the Queen Anne's County Bank. 11 It opened in 1860 after legislation for its formation was passed in 1856 in Annapolis. At the County Democratic Convention in 1860. Dr. Earickson was chosen as a Delegate to the State Democratic Convention. 12 In 1861 he was chosen to be a member of a commission (formed due to the ensuing war) which would meet as necessary to consider affairs of state and county; and in the same year was elected to the State Convention in Baltimore representing the Peace Party (that which favored a peaceful settlement with the Confederate States). 13 He was elected to serve in Maryland's House of Delegates, as a Democrat, in 1871, with Captain B. S. Ford. ¹⁴ Earickson was also a railroad commissioner for the Queen Anne's and Kent Railroad in 1866.

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As such, he was to work with other commissioners to locate and construct a railroad from Queen Anne's County northeast to connect with the Sassafras River or Philadelphia Wilmington and Baltimore Railroads. Dr. Earickson was thus, associated with the White house for one year, but his occupancy was probably not.

Laurence L. Quinn, who purchased the White house, including 13 acres, from Earickson in 1855, had married Elizabeth (also Eliza) A. Bryan five years before. ¹⁶ Laurence Quinn apparently operated a blacksmith's shop because an account of Eliza Quinn's possessions at her death in 1881 included the entry, "blacksmiths' bellows and anvil." ¹⁷ The White house was thus, the Quinn's home for seven years. The blacksmith's shop may have continued to have been used by other blacksmiths after Quinn, since a blacksmiths'shop is identified on the 1877 map of Kent Island adjacent to the White house.

Louis (also Lewis) C. Pascault acquired the property from Quinn in 1862. 18 Pascault was son of Col. Louis C. Pascault, who was an officer in the Revolutionary War under General Marquis de Lafayette. 19 Born in Baltimore in 1790, Pascault married Anne E. Goldsborough, daughter of Charles Goldsborough of Talbot County, in 1810 and moved to Queen Anne's County in 1828. After having died in 1867, Pascault was buried next to Anne, who had died in 1855, at St. Joseph's Church, Talbot County. Pascault mentioned in his will, "...I have deeded to my daughter, Sarah R. Goldsborough, my house and lot on which I now reside..."21 Pascault thus, resided at the White house for five years.

Pascault deeded the White house to Sarah R. Goldsborough in 1865.²² Her husband, William Goldsborough, however, died in

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1867. Like the Earicksons, Goldsborough had been active in local politics. In 1860, he served as Secretary of the County Democratic Convention. In 1861 he worked with Dr. Roderick Earickson on the commission to consider affairs of state and county significance. Sarah apparently continued to live at their house after her husband's death and raised chickens, turkeys, pigs, cows and cultivated peach trees. Apparently possessing some wealth, Sarah's estate at her death in 1871 allowed for sizable monetary distributions to be made to her five children.

A complaint was filed, however, in 1873 and the case of William H. Goldsborough and Franklin Y. Goldsborough vs. Anne M. Legg, Henry P. Goldsborough and Charles A. Goldsborough (all children of Sarah and William Goldsborough) was taken to Circuit Court in 1874. Austin R. Weedon (attorney-at-law) was appointed Trustee by decree of the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County. Weedon sold the White house as a result of this case to Mary E. Orrell, wife of L. S. Orrell, in 1874. At that time the property was described as "1 acre" and "on both sides of the public road leading from Stevensville to Kent Point," with a lane located to the north of the house. 30

As the only child, Bessie Orrell Hill inherited the property from her mother, Mary. ³¹ Bessie's husband, Harry Hill, was an oysterman and they lived with their family of four children in the White house. For an unknown period of time the Hills rented the property. One tenant was a Mr. Quinn, who was a painter of signs, buildings, etc. ³²

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In 1922 the property passed from the Hills to John Perry Tolson and in 1931 John and his wife, Edna M. Tolson, sold the one-acre property to Norman L. Meekins and his wife, Grace L. Meekins. ³³ A waterman, Meekins had four children. For a period, the house was rented by the Meekins. One tenant was the family of Harry and Lottie Ewing Gardner for a period of two years. Gardner was a house carpenter. ³⁴

In 1940 the Meekins sold the White house to Lillian S. Henry. Wife of Dr. William T. Henry (physician), Mrs. Henry's property contained 1.45 acres. The Henrys made certain changes to the house, including the addition of a small screened porch to the front facade and the addition of diamond-shaped asphalt shingles over the horizontal wood clapboarded exterior walls. The house was again rented under the Henrys' ownership. One tenant was Ben Bright. Shortly after her husband's death in 1942, Mrs. Henry sold the property.

In 1946 Clinton E. W. White Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth Price White, acquired the White property. 38 White, a grandson of a waterman who carried the fruit and produce of the area to Baltimore City's markets, was a teacher, as was his wife. 39 Further changes were made to the house under his ownership. These included the following: the removal of the front porch, the addition of white asbestos shingles over the diamond-shaped asphalt shingles on the exterior walls, the removal of the wooden steps at the front entrance and their replacement with concrete steps and red brick piers. He also painted in white the previously stained interior woodwork. Outbuildings to the west of the house at this time included a chicken house, turkey

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house, meat house and a well to the south of the house. 40 The Whites occupied the property 1946 to 1951, before moving into Stevensville and renting the White house.

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Robert Marmaduke White and his wife, Elizabeth M. White, purchased the 1.45 acre property from their distant cousins in 1963. The house was never occupied by the Robert Whites, as their home was near Baltimore City, where White worked in forestry for the State of Maryland. The property was, thus, rented for about three years to Mrs. White's brother and his family. 42

The property lay vacant from about 1966 to 1983, when Paul J. Placek and his wife, Rebecca Placek, purchased the White property for the purpose of rehabilitating and restoring the house. Residents of Kent Island, presently, the Placeks intend to repair and reuse as much of the existing historic building fabric as possible on the interior and exterior of the main house and early twentieth century addition. Wherever necessary, new elements shall be replicated based upon deteriorated or broken pieces. All elements of the evolution of their historic property from the mid-nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century shall be preserved.

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In 1855, as a result of the heirs of Roderick Earickson, that is, Elfredo Price, Edmond Carvill, Jacob W. Legg, Charles E. Skinner (husband of Martha Earickson), and Thomas W. Kemp, petitioning the division of the estate, the 377 acres that stretched from the Chesapeake Bay to Warehouse Creek were divided into 2 lots; Lot #1 containing 210 acres and valued at \$5,484.39 and Lot #2 containing 166 acres and valued at \$4,331.53 3/4. The plat in this record shows the location of no buildings but does mention the existence of a public road in Lot #1. "Judgement Records In Extenso 1855-1857," JP No. 2, Folio 73-79, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

²Estate No. A793, "General Index to 1854, Administration Papers," and "Account of Distribution," on microfilm reel "Administration Papers to 1855," Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

³Frederic Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland Its Early History and Development (Queenstown: Queen Anne Press, 1981), pp. 14-15.

⁴Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, p. 468.

⁵Emory, <u>Queen Anne's County, Maryland</u>, p. 472.

⁶Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, p. 473.

⁷The Account of Distribution, dated October 17, 1854, showed that \$14,429.25 were left for distribution after all bills and debts were paid. "Account of Distribution," on microfilm reel "Administration Papers to 1855," Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

Apparently, Conners Neck at some time began south of Broad Creek and Smithfield extended eastward to what is now Thompson's Creek. Mildred C. Schoch, Of History and Houses, A Kent Island Heritage (Queenstown: Queen Anne Press, 1982), p. 61.

 $^9\mbox{"Deed"}$ between Dr. Roderick W. Earickson (Physician) and Frederica M. E. Earickson , his wife, on the one part, and

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Laurence L. Quinn on the other part, JP No. 2, Folio 400, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

10 Raymond B. Clark Jr. and Sara Seth Clark, Queen Anne's County Maryland Marriage Licenses 1817-1858 (n.p., 1963),

- 11 Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, p. 560.
- 12 Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, p. 490.
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- 14 Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, p. 520.
- 15 Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, p. 553.
- 16 Clark and Clark, Marriage Licenses.

The possessions of Eliza A. Quinn were listed and appraised on April 11, 1881. The appraised total of \$389.92 included such items as a corner cupboard, cane-seated chairs, a large walnut table, an oil cloth, a settee, silverware, kitchen tools, hand tools, horses and feather beds. Eliza A. Quinn, "Administration Papers," Estate No. A73, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

18 "Deed" between Laurence L. Quinn and Elizabeth A. Quinn, his wife, on the one part and Lewis C. Pascault on the other part, MB No. 2, Folio 127, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

- 19 Portrait and Biographical Record of the Eastern Shore (New York: Chapman Publishing Company, 1898), p. 676.
 - 20 Portrait and Biographical Record, p. 676.
- 21"Last Will and Testament of Lewis C. Pascault," 1867, Liber STH, No. 1, Folio 437, Registrar of Wills, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

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22"Deed" between Louis C. Pascault on the one part and Sarah R. Goldsborough on the other part, SED No. 1, Folio 525, Land Records of Queen Anne's County, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

William Goldsborough, "Administration Papers," Estate No. A370, Registrar of Wills, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

²⁴Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, p. 491.

25 Emory, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, pp. 491-492.

²⁶Such animals were noted as being in her possession in 1871 at the time of her death, when her possessions were identified and appraised. Sarah R. Goldsborough, "Administration Papers," Estate No. A225, Registrar of Wills, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

Money totalled, after a second distribution was made in 1877, \$4,723.78. "Account of Distribution," "Administration Papers," Sarah R. Goldsborough, Estate No. A225, Registrar of Wills, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD. Other items of some worth included in her possessions were "old queensware," "brass andirons and fenders," an "old sideboard," a set of "china ware," a "mantle clock," a "double lounge," "tumblers, goblets and wine glasses," a "card table," bureaus, wardrobes, sets of chairs and bedsteads. "Administration Papers," Sarah R. Goldsborough, 1871.

28"Chancery Docket 1830-1874," p. 274, Queen Anne's County Land Records, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

29 "Deed" between Austin R. Weedon, Trustee, on the one part and Mary E. Orrell, wife of L. S. Orrell, on the other part, JW No. 6, Folio 377, Queen Anne's County Land Records, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

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32 Interview with Clinton E. W. White Sr., Stevensville, Maryland, 22 October 1983.

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41"Deed" between Clinton E. W. White Sr. and Elizabeth P. White, his wife, on the one part and Robert M. White and Elizabeth M. White, his wife, on the other part, CWC No. 2, Folio 151, Queen Anne's County Land Records, Queen Anne's County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

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his wife, on the other part, 1931.

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- "Deed," between Lillian S. Henry (widow), on the one part, and Clinton E. W. White Sr. and Elizabeth P. White, his wife, on the other part, 1946.
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- "Deed," between Norman L. Meekins and Grace L. Meekins, his wife, on the one part, and Lillian S. Henry, on the other part, 1940.
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

ALL that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being on Kent Island, in the Fourth Election District of Queen Anne's County, State of Maryland, set forth and shown on a plat entitled, "Plat of Diggs Subdivision," by JFD Associates, Inc., registered surveyors, dated 31st day of January, 1981, and recorded among the Land Records of Queen Anne's County in Liber MWM No. 172, Folio 485; said lot being known and designated thereon as Lot No. 3 and containing 1.726 acres of land, ore or less.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THAT PART OF SAID LAND, being the westernmost portion thereof, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING for the same on the southwesternmost boundary line of the subdivision known as Bay City and on the northerly line of Lot No. 3 of the Diggs Subdivision at a point 366.32 feet from the beginning of said line on the westerly line of Maryland Route 8, thence from said point of beginning and binding upon the line of the lands of Bay City Subdivision, North 55 degrees 16 minutes 40 seconds West, 126.43 feet to the line of the lands now or formerly of S. Dixon, thence with said Dixon lands, the two following courses and distances, to wit: South 34 degrees 57 minutes 10 seconds West 157.27 feet, and South 54 degrees 26 minutes 42 seconds East 126.44 feet to a point, thence with the remaining lands of Lot No. 3 of the Diggs Subdivision, North 34 degrees 57 minutes 10 seconds East, 159.11 feet to the place of beginning, containing 20,000 square feet of land, more or less.

SEE SKETCH MAP.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries of the approximately 1.22 acre parcel included in this nomination encompass the minimum property necessary to protect the house and convey its historic setting. On the north the boundary is defined by a row of trees, which historically had been a roadway and further, is the present owner's northern boundary line. On the east, the boundary is defined by Maryland Route 8, on the west by an adjoining property line and on the south by an area heavily overgrown and treed (the 20,000 square foot area excepted from the above-described land).

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TITLE SEARCH

- 1983. MWM No. 199, Folio 661.
 William Burnett Diggs to Paul J. Placek.
- 1979. MWM No. 146, Folio 601. Robert M. White and Elizabeth M. White (wife) to William Burnett Diggs.
- 1963. CWC No. 2, Folio 151.
 Clinton E. W. White, Sr., and Elizabeth Price White (wife) to Robert Marmaduke White and Elizabeth M. White (wife).
- 1946. ASG Jr. No. 15, Folio 288.

 Lillian S. Henry (widow of Dr. William T. Henry) to Clinton
 E. W. White, Sr. and Elizabeth Price White (wife).
- 1940. ASG No. 3, Folio 201.
 Norman L. Meekins and Grace L. Meekins (wife) to Lillian
 S. Henry (wife of Dr. William T. Henry).
- 1931. BHT No. 12, Folio 327. John Perry Tolson and Edna M. Tolson (wife) to Norman L. Meekins and Grace L. Meekins (wife).
- 1922. JFR No. 8, Folio 470.

 Harry Hill and Bessie Orrell Hill (wife) to John Perry Tolson. Bessie was only child of Mary E. Orrell.

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1874. JW No. 6, Folio 377.
Austin R. Weedon, Trustee appointed by decree of Circuit
Court for Queen Anne's County, to Mary E. Orrell, wife of
L. S. Orrell. (One acre on both sides of public road)

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1874. Chancery Docket 1830-1874, Page 274.
William H. Goldsborough and Franklin Y. Goldsborough,
Complainants vs. Anna M. Goldsborough Legg (wife of Jacob
F. Legg), Henry P. Goldsborough and Charles A. Goldsborough
(all heirs of Sarah R. Goldsborough and William Goldsborough).

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- 1865. SED No. 1, Folio 525.
 Louis C. Pascault to Sarah R. Goldsborough (daughter, wife of William Goldsborough). (One acre and one parcel measuring 92' by 488')
- 1862. MB No. 2, Folio 127.
 Laurence L. Quinn and Elizabeth A. Bryan Quinn (wife) to
 Louis C. Pascault. (A one acre parcel and a tract called
 "Smithfield and Conners Neck.")
- 1858. MB No. 1, Folio 74.
 Laurence L. Quinn and Elizabeth A. Quinn (wife) and James
 Denny and Ananna Denny (wife) to Lewis (also Louis) C.
 Pascault. (A parcel measuring 92' by 488') Refer to: 1849,
 JT No. 6, Folio 78. F. K. Brown, Trustee for deed of trust
 from William G. Goldsborough and William H. Miller, a
 partnership in trade under the name of Goldsborough and
 Miller, to Roderick Earickson. (A tract called "Conners
 Neck.")
- 1855. JP No. 2, Folio 400. Dr. Roderick W. Earickson (Physician) and Frederica M. E. Goodhand Earickson(wife) to Laurence L. Quinn. (This parcel was called "a part of Smithfield and Conners Neck," consisting of 13 acres.)
- 1855. JP No. 2, Folio 73. Judgement Records In Extenso 1855-1857. The division of the lands of Roderick Earickson, dec'd. This was done as a result of the heirs of Earickson petitioning the division of the estate of 377 acres. A plat showing the division of the lands into 2 lots is included.

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Shaw House

21 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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December 14, 1983

J. Rodney Little State Historic Preservation Officer Maryland Historic Trust Shaw House, 21 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Little:

I am in receipt of your December 9, 1983, letter which states that the Robert White House (QA-272) will be considered by the Governor's Consulting Committee on January 17, 1984, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

As owner of this property, I = 100% in favor of this nomination, and feel that the meticulous documentation of research findings justify placement on the Register. In Mildred Schock's Of History and Houses: A Kent Island Heritage, the Robert White House is pictured and discussed as one of only about 35 historic houses on Kent Island. I am undertaking a \$60,000 renovation-restoration effort in February 1984, and expect to have the House completed in the summer of 1984.

I hereby request that my letter of support be included in the MHT materials provided to the Governor's Consulting Committee.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Placek, Ph.D. 103 Big Holly Court Stevensville, MD 21666

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the west side of Maryland Route 8 about one mile south of U. S. Route 50/301, the Robert White House is a frame, 3 bay, story-anda-half house with a frame, one story addition on the south gable end. The entrance door is located on the north end of the east or main facade, with two six-over-six windows to the left. This fenestration pattern is repeated on the rear facade, again with the door on the north end. Two gable roof, six-over-six dormer windows are arranged symmetrically on the front and rear of the roof. The dormers on the front of the house have segmental arched upper sash, the rear dormers are plain. Single six-over-six windows are asymmetrically placed on each floor on the north gable, a pair of six-over-six windows are placed between the chimneys on the second floor of the south gable. A small, four light window in the south gable lights the attic.

Exterior siding consists of asbestos shingles nailed over earlier, random width weatherboards. There is no cornice, short outriggers scabbed to the rafters oversail at the eaves and are left

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exposed. The roof is tin, laid over an earlier wood shingle roof secured with machine nails.

The interior space is laid out in a double pile, side hall plan, with raised six-panel doors at opposing ends of a stairhall running the full depth of the house along the north gable. A single window in the gable wall and a three light transom above the front door provide light for the hall. An open-string panelled stair with turned newels and square-section ballusters climbs to the second floor. Interior doors lead off the hall to the two first floor rooms. These rooms are guite plain, each with a single fireplace in the center of the south wall. The paired six-over-six windows have unusually large panes, giving the rooms a light and airy feeling. An original door in the south wall of the rear or southwest room leads into a 20th century kitchen addition, a similar door on the south wall of the front room is not original, and probably dates to the construction of the wing. A single door in the partition wall connects the two rooms.

The second floor is divided into an open stair hall and three rooms. The stair hall does not run along

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the entire gable end, as the front portion has been partitioned off, and the front or southeast room has been reduced in size to allow for a small, unheated room off the hall. The rear or southwest room is the largest of the three. A trapdoor in the stairhall allows access to an unfinished attic.

The house has a certain air of refinement to it. The rooms on the first floor tend to feel large and spacious, largely due to the quantity of light provided by the oversized windows. All doors have raised panels, with plain, unembellished surrounds terminating in plain square blocks at the corners. The baseboard is a plain board with a large fillet rabbetted into the top edge. The two mantels on the first floor have heavy rectangular-section shelves supported by a single, three-quarter round moulding, and pilasters rabbetted out to create a reeded effect. The southeast fireplace on the second floor is similar to those on the first, but with plain, unreeded pilasters. All fireplaces have been blocked and fitted with stove pipes. The southwest room on the second floor has had a closet framed in around the chimney stack, and no evidence is visible to determine the original configuration or use.

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Construction Details

The house rests on a continuous common bond foundation under the east (front) facade and the north gable. Brick piers support the west facade and south gable. A hewn sill (7 x 10½) supports hewn and pit sawn joists (3 x 7½) notched over the sill and running from front to back. The area between the studs is filled with brick bats and mortar up to the first floor level. Framing above the first floor is not visible.

The common rafter roof is of somewhat unusual construction. The rafters are open mortise and tenoned at the ridge, with collars that double as second floor ceiling joists half-dovetailed into the rafter pairs and secured with machine nails.

A one inch plate runs on top of the collars directly below the ridge, and two vertical posts are notched to a V, and run from the plate up to support two of the rafter pairs. The attic space is thus divided into three approximately equal "bays". The rafter pairs are unusually random in their placement, being not only on uneven centers, but often noticeably out of parallel. The rafters rest on a heavy top

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plate approximately 6 inches high by 4½ inches wide, which is laid on the tops of the studs forming the knee wall on the second floor. These studs are mortised into the bottom of the plate. It is unclear whether the studs are continuous from the first floor or are themselves mortised into a second plate at floor level.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert White House is a typical example of the double pile, side hall plan common to both the rural and urban tidewater architecture of the 18th and 19th centuries. This example dates to the mid-nineteenth century, and is somewhat unusual for its use of hand hewn and pit sawn timber and the construction of the roof.

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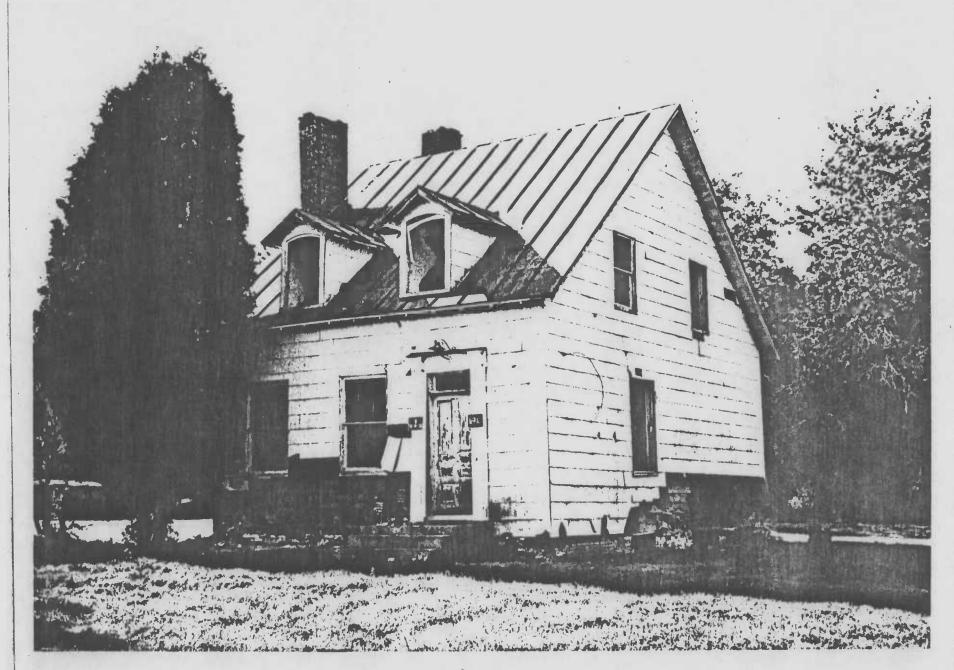
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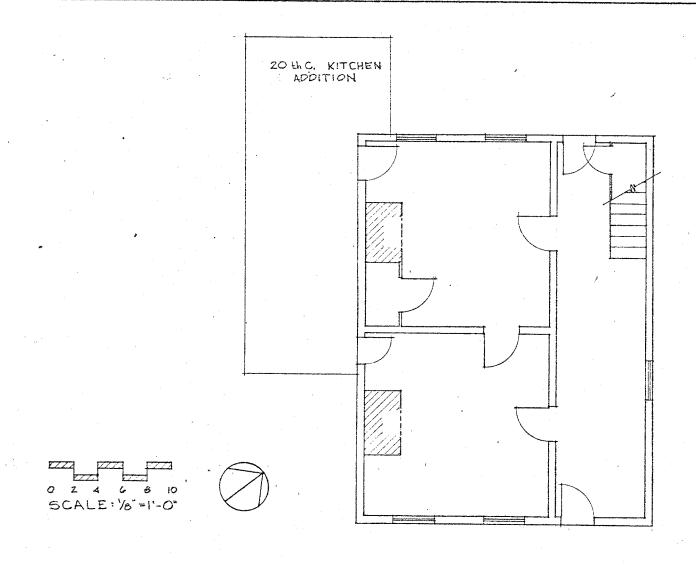
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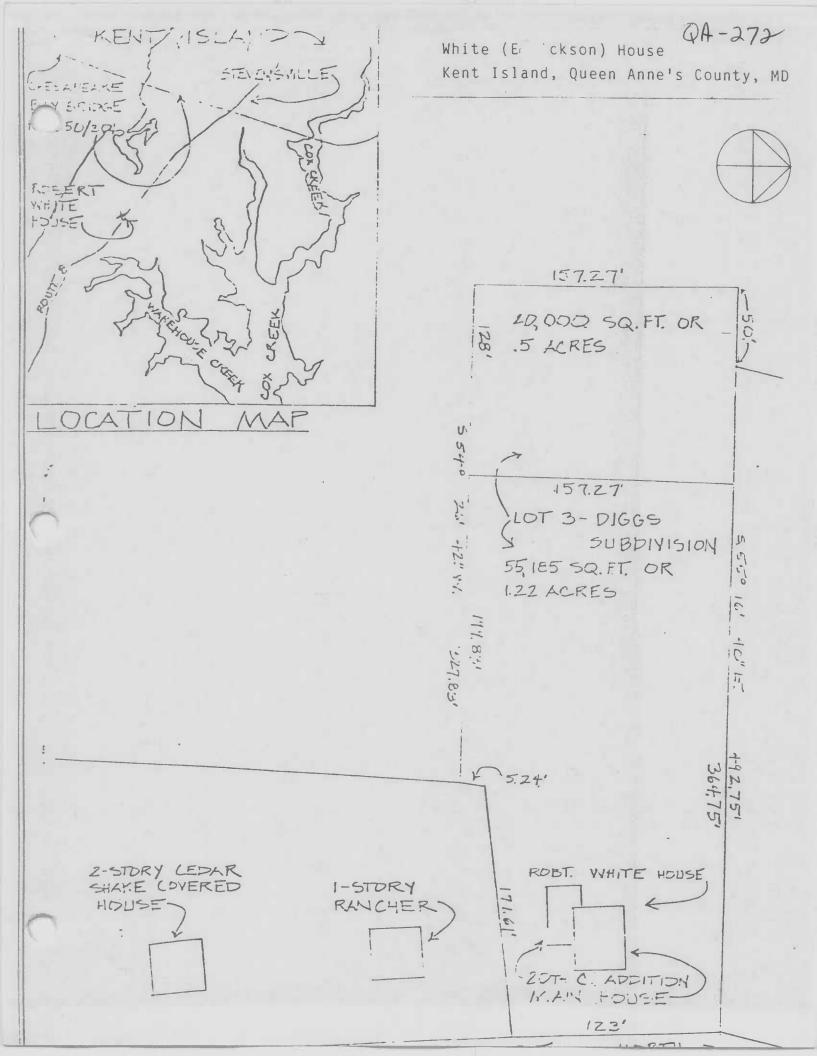


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